NHRC's Reservation to Anti-terrorism Bill

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Human Rights Commission has termed the proposed anti-terrorism legislation as irrelevant;

(b) if so, details of the reservations of the Commission towards the proposed Bill; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) The National Human Rights Commission has expressed reservations on the need for a fresh law to deal with the problem of terrorism. According to their view:—

(i) the present laws if implemented effectively and suitably amended, wherever required, are sufficient to deal with the problem of terrorism, and,

(ii) the provisions of the Prevention of Terrorism Bill, 2000 provide powers capable of gross misuse.

(c) The Government has invited the views of all the State Government & UT Administration on the various provisions of the Draft Prevention of Terrorism Bill, 2000 as formulated by the Law Commission of India. Government will also hold under consultations with political parties, other groups etc. with a view to harmonise security measures with civil liberties before a final view is taken in the matter.

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